

**City of Sammamish
Parks and Recreation
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes for July 21, 2003

In Attendance:

Chris Leyerle, Tom Schloetter, Cornell Amaya, Hope Gibson

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chris Leyerle at 6:35 p.m. Cornell Amaya served as secretary. Summary was approved.

Public Comments:

Chris informed the audience that the commission had approved a 3-minute limit on individual public comments in the June meeting. Hope volunteered to keep time.

Mary Ann Wilkins urged the commission and City to move the ball field from Ebright Creek to the Commons. She presented landscape architect drawings showing how a soccer-little league field would easily fit into the proposed site for a multi-use field at the Commons. She said that the landscape architect rotated the layout for the field so that it would set within the naturally existing topography. Two reasons that she gave for why the City should consider moving the field:

- 1) It would eliminate any potential environmental threat to Ebright Creek.
- 2) The drainage at the proposed location in the Commons is much better suited to a field.

Dan DeFranco presented and submitted a noise study developed for the proposed Ebright Creek Park site that showed noise levels from a ball field would impact residents and would exceed residential limits set by the State of Washington.

Jim Mechesta (sp?) said that when he sold the land to the city for a park his intentions were for the land to remain as open space to reflect the rural qualities of the Plateau. He said that placing a ball field in this space goes against those intentions and that it does not belong in Ebright Creek.

Ilene Stahl stated that Ebright Creek is the last viable Salmon Stream in the City and should be protected.

Mary Doerre cautioned commissioners that there are two legal reasons why the City should find an alternate park location to place the ball field. She said that she doesn't want to see this issue go into the courts.

Committee Reports:

No reports. No committee chairs present at the meeting.

Managers Report:

Hope reported on the following:

Ebright Creek

- SEPA design in the process

Pine Lake

- SEPA: Public comment period opens in the next few days.

Summer Events

Summer events in the park are proving extremely successful. More than 700 people attend the first event with even a larger number attending the second one.